

Applicant respectfully requests that the International Preliminary Examination Report and the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of record, Denise M. Kettelberger (Reg. No. 33,924), at (612) 371-5268.

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